

## SB 374

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Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and Members of the Public Health Committee,  
As a school nurse supervisor with 28 years of experience in school health, I respectfully ask for clarification regarding SB 374. I have placed my questions in bold immediately following specific language in the bill.

### **S.B. No. 374 AN ACT REQUIRING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS FOR CHILDREN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- (1)** That section 10-206 of the general statutes be amended to require (1) each pupil enrolled in public school at grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 **(Who is responsible for ensuring children are assessed, the parent, the State Board of Education, the local school district?)** and each home-schooled child **(Who is responsible for ensuring home schooled children are assessed, the parent, the State Board of Education, the local school district?)** at ages 12, 14 and 17 to have a confidential behavioral health assessment **(Who is responsible for performing the assessment?)**, the results of which shall be disclosed only to the child's parent or guardian (If the results are only given to the parent, is the parent solely responsible for compliance in getting the assessment done?), and (2) each health care provider **(Does this mean the private health care provider?)** performing a child's behavioral health assessment to complete the appropriate form supplied by the State Board of Education verifying that the child has received the assessment. **(Does this mean the form is submitted to the school district and the district is responsible for gathering this document? What is the consequence for children who do not get the assessment done or submit the form?)**

Thank you for the opportunity for clarification.